

**Amendments to the Specification**

In the specification, please add the following new paragraph at page 14, line 2:

- Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view of a group of electrical cables according to one version of the present invention.

In the specification, please add the following replacement paragraph at page 27, line 21:

It has been found that the thickness of said protective element decreases in correspondence with the increase of the conductor cross-sectional area (see Fig. 5).

Fig. 7 shows a group of cables 100, 200, 300 according to one version of the present invention selected for a predetermined voltage class. Each of cables 100, 200, 300 includes a conductor 2 having a different cross-sectional area, an insulating layer 4 surrounding the conductor, and a protective element around said insulating layer comprising a protective element 20. Protective element 20 includes expanded polymeric layer 22 between an outer (first) non-expanded polymeric layer 23 and an inner (second) non-expanded polymeric layer 21. In each cable 100, 200, 300, the thicknesses of the protective element 20 is in inverse relationship with the conductor cross-sectional area. Thus, cable 100, which has the largest conductor cross-sectional area of cables 100, 200, 300, also has the thinnest protective element 20. In each of the cables 100, 200, 300, the thickness of expanded polymer layer 21 is constant, while the thickness of at least one of non-expanded polymeric layers 21, 23 varies depending on the conductor cross-sectional area.